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For: NOVEL SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES WITH ANTIMICROBIAL AND

ENDOTOXIN

NEUTRALIZING PROPERTIES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE SEPSIS

SYNDROME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001. A Petition for a two month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before June 14, 2001.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13 and 15, drawn to a peptide, a composition comprising the peptide, and a method of treating microbial infection using the peptide, and within Group I, Applicants hereby elect compound BP2.4, which corresponds to claim 11, SEQ ID No 4.